

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 25, 2009

Follow Me
John 21:19-25
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What were the three truths that Christ outlined for Peter in John 21:15-25 that every faithful disciple of Christ needs to understand?

We need to understand that our love for Christ should lead us to serve Christ's flock (John 21:15-17).

We need to understand that serving Christ, though leading to a better life, will not lead to an easier life (John 21:18-19).

We need to understand not only the importance of following Christ, but also how easy it is for us to become distracted (John 21:19-25).

When Jesus commanded Peter to follow Him in John 21:19, He did not mean it literally, but rather metaphorically (John 21:21).

When Christ commanded Peter to follow Him, He was not asking him to walk with Him along the shoreline but rather to be so focused on Him that Peter's life would be an extension of His own life.

John, identifying himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved and taking the time to give a detailed illustration of how close he was to Christ, helps us to understand the motivation for Peter's question in John 21:21.

Jesus' response to Peter's question in John 21:22, in effect, told Peter that His future plan for John was none of his business.

Peter's business was to remain focused on one thing, and only one thing, and that was following Christ so that his life would become an extension of Christ's life.

If we focus on following Christ and are careful not to be distracted, we will, as an expression of our love for Christ, find ourselves servicing His flock.

May God give us the grace to follow Christ in such a way that we will be an extension of His life in this world.